

Focus on the Word

The Sunday readings are placed in this bulletin for the benefit of those who might have a hearing impairment, and for your reflection before Mass and during the week. Since an important part of our Sunday worship is hearing the scripture proclaimed, we urge you to LISTEN to the readings as they are proclaimed. Thank you.



Reading 1

Wis 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reading 2

Phmn 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

The Gospel of the Lord



A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into

Cartagena (now in Colombia), a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pius IX, it continued to flourish. Peter Claver's predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work, declaring himself "the slave of the Negroes forever."

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's saving love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

His apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, he died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

He was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

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Liturgy

Sept. 5 at 9:45 am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Caretha Carroll
Candle Bearers.....Julia Haynes
& Vincent Giampa
Banner Carrier.....Tom McElligott
Lectors.....Lettece Lee
& LaShonya Wilson
Responsorial Psalm.....
Communion Ministers.....Jerry Hossli,
Diane Allen, Rita Gardner, Debra
Higgins, Betty Ferguson, Donna Raclaw,
Sr. Mary Therese Freymann
Altar Servers..... Amare Wilson
& Marlayna Gandy

Next Sunday, Sept. 12 at 9:45am

Lectors.....Sandra Broussard
& Sr. Marion Murphy
Altar Servers.....Alonzo Johnson
& Jazá Gandy

September Greeters

Matthew May and Ruthie Jones Clay

September Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Jerrod Miller
East Center.....Cheryl Bowie
Westside.....Ron Miller
West Center.....Willie Wilson

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Rose Brown, James Bruton, George
Canino, Daphne Connolly, Terrence
Connolly, Kerry Crowe, Paul & Rachel
Cordero, Denny Flerlage, Hervene
Glass, James Patrick Higgins, Gertrude
Hill, Valerie Parks, Bob Rice, Carol
Roman, Patti Tierney, Jerry Walton,
Christine Watson, Endy Williams, and
Thomas Williams

Mass Intentions

Dennis J. Ford, Sr.
David & Veronica O'Malley

Sunday Collection

August 22\$1,432.63
August 29\$1,699.32

Adult Bible Study: Sunday mornings
beginning September 26th. The topic
is Women in the Bible, Church and
Society. It will be held in the parish
center meeting room shortly after the
end of mass. Please be sure to
register with Sr. Eileen as soon as
possible, so we may have enough
materials.

THANK YOU

In mentioning how great this year's
picnic was, we forgot to mention
the fun that the children had with
the return of the Jumping Jack,
provided by Sabrina and Gabriel
Cajandig.
Thank you!

**This week's Women in the Bible
question:**

Name the two women punished for
their disobedience. One was put out
of the Garden of Eden, the other was
turned into a pillar of salt when she
was told not to look back but did.

Answer to last week's question:
Timothy's mother and grandmother
were Eunice and Lois.

Grand Parents' Day Are your
grandparents attending our special
mass next Sunday? If your
grandparents are coming to mass,
please indicate on the form in the
back of church how many will be
coming with you.

The Ministry of Care is a pastoral,
sacramental ministry in which members
of the parish reach out to the sick,
elderly, handicapped and homebound
persons to pray with them, and, at
times, bring them the sacrament of
Holy Communion.
Mandates for Ministers of Care are
granted by the Archdiocese to those
who have completed the six required
training classes. The next series of
preparation classes will be offered at
Holy Name Cathedral Parish Center
on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings
(7-9 pm, Sept 15, 22, 29, and Oct 6
and 13). The final session will be held
here in the parish on a date to be
determined with the participants.
If you are interested or have any
questions, please see/call Sr. Eileen or
Fr. Jerry as soon as possible but prior
to September 11th, when registration
closes. Forms with more detailed
information, found in the back of the
church, may be completed and
dropped in the collection basket or in
the Parish office.
The cost of the Training will be paid
for by the parish.

**ATTENTION PARISH
ORGANIZATIONS!**

**If you have not yet filled out a form
for organizational directory update,
please do so before Sept. 12.
Contact Sr. Eileen to get your form.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Summer vacation is almost over and
while many college students have
already headed out for their various
college campuses, it won't be long
before the school bells ring, ring
calling the rest of our students to
resume their studies of the 4 R's -
Religion, Reading, "Riting" and
"Rithmetic".

We at Holy Family have been busy
preparing for students of all ages,
inviting them to participate in our
various programs:

RCIA - for those adults and teens who
were Baptized (but possibly not) but
haven't received their First Communion
and Confirmation.

Confirmation - 2 levels: teens and
adults who have been Baptized and
received First Communion.

First Communion classes are being
held for children who have been
Baptized and are 7 years of age or
older.

We rely on each of you, as members
of our parish family to spread the
word and invite and encourage those
who have not received all of the
sacraments to plan to do so this year.
It is important for them to register as
soon as possible so we will have
enough teachers and materials. (We
are happy to tell you that as of now
we have 4 people who expect to join
the RCIA sessions which we hope to
begin Sept. 19th at 9:30 am)

Calendar

- Today - Mass and celebration of the
feast of St. Peter Claver
- Sept. 11- Liturgy Committee Mtg 9am
- Sept. 11- Finance Meeting 10am
- Sept. 12- Grandparent's Day
- Sept. 19- RCIA Begins
- Sept 26 - First Annual Holy Family Church
Golf tournament at White Pines.
Tee time is at 1 pm
- Oct 23 - Casino Trip
- Nov 19 - Stepper Set
- Nov 21 - Christmas Sale